

What can we Learn from Revelation Chapter 5

by Pat Emerick

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Transcript

There are quite a few lessons there and as I prepared to share with the conference some of the things that really opened my understanding from the early church fathers and the apostles, what we see there is the culmination of history. What we see there is the church, the savior, the father, the angels, everything is wrapped up right there. And I think for me and for those of us who could probably take more time to look at it, to understand that that cloud of witnesses is not just some very, you know, smoky thing.

They're humans. They're people like you and like me. Those martyrs are the ones that died because they would not turn back.

And as our brother even talked about, the theology of martyrdom is absolutely the truth. The people around the throne are the ones, the church, who have washed their garments in their own blood because they would not turn back from their savior. They wouldn't turn back in whatever silly thing was going on in their modern, for them, their day.

And just like we cannot turn back in our day. We have to do as we've talked about during the conference. We have to do what God tells us to do or we're wasting time.

What's the point? Why has the world not been reached with the gospel? Because the church has not been obedient. We have to recognize that's where we're all going to be, around the throne. That's so significant that it changes every way, everything that we think.

To understand that's our destiny. You and I may be from different traditions, but we're going to stand around the throne together. So how can I encourage you? How can you encourage me on in our journeys together in Christ? It's significant to know that we'll all be there.

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